



# FIREPROOF FAITH

WHAT DO YOU DO WHEN YOU EXPERIENCE A TRIAL BY FIRE?  
STAYING COOL WHEN THE HEAT IS ON DANIEL 3:8-18

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“Dare to be a Daniel, Dare to stand alone;  
Dare to have a purpose firm, Dare to make it known.”

-Phillip Paul Bliss, *Dare to be a Daniel*, (Circa 1873).

## STUDY SECTION

### TRIAL BY FIRE

#### 1. The \_\_\_\_\_.

**Daniel 3:5, NASB** -<sup>5</sup> *...at the moment you hear the sound of the horn, flute, lyre, trigon, psaltery, bagpipe and all kinds of music, you are to fall down and worship the golden image that Nebuchadnezzar the king has set up.*

#### 2. The \_\_\_\_\_.

**Daniel 3:15-18, NASB** -<sup>15</sup> *...at the moment you hear the sound of [all the instruments, you are] to fall down and worship the image that I have made. ...But if you do not worship, you will immediately be cast into the midst of a furnace of blazing fire; and what god is there who can deliver you out of my hands?"*

#### 3. The \_\_\_\_\_.

**Daniel 3:16-18, NASB** -<sup>16</sup> *Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-nego replied to the king, "O Nebuchadnezzar, we do not need to give you an answer concerning this matter [meaning, "We don't have to think about this matter" or "We don't have to think up an answer to give to you."] <sup>17</sup> "If it be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the furnace of blazing fire; and He will deliver us out of your hand, O king. <sup>18</sup> "But even if He does not, let it be known to you, O king, that we are not going to serve your gods or worship the golden image that you have set up."*

**Faulty Faith:** "I'll trust You if You \_\_\_\_\_."

**Fireproof Faith:** "I'll trust you even if I die."

"Fireproof Faith believes and relies in the divine power of God while submitting to the divine will of God." - Pastor Joe

## LIFE APPLICATION SECTION

### 'WHAT IS FIREPROOF FAITH?'

And without faith it is impossible to please [God].... - Heb. 11:6, NASB

#### A. Fireproof Faith is characterized by an **Absolute Conviction**.

**Daniel 3:17, NASB** -<sup>17</sup> *"If it be so [that we are thrown into a fiery furnace], our God whom we serve is able [exact Heb. word order is "God is able whom we serve"] to deliver us from the furnace of blazing fire...*

#### B. Fireproof Faith is characterized by a **Strong Hope**.

**Daniel 3:17, NASB** -<sup>17</sup> *"our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the furnace of blazing fire; and He will deliver us out of your hand, O king.*

#### C. Fireproof Faith is characterized by an **Unwavering Resolve**.

**Daniel 3:18, NASB** -<sup>18</sup> *"But even if He does not, let it be known to you, O king, that we are not going to serve your gods or worship the golden image that you have set up."*

**T**hey knew it was better to die a thousand times with God's approval than to live one day without it. Better a fiery furnace than to live with the fire of a guilty conscience burning in their soul. They could die, but they dare not sin! Their convictions were not for sale. Not at any price, not even their own lives. - C.H. Spurgeon in his sermon on Dan. 3:18; cf., "even if He does not."